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**In the specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following paragraph:

[0039] The composition of the particular catalytically active species that may be impregnated within coating layer 22 is not critical, but may be determined in accordance with conventional practice, i.e., in view of the particular application or process environment within which the coating layer is to be utilized. Conventional catalysts that may be advantageously employed in accordance with the present invention include at least the precious metal catalyst of group ~~VIII A~~ VIII of the Periodic Table of Elements, as well as the transition metals of groups IV A, V A, VI A, VII A and ~~VIII A~~ VIII thereof. Acceptable catalyst supports for coating layer 22 include, but are not limited to, alumina, and in particular, gamma alumina, boehmites of fine particle size, silica, alumina silica and molecular sieves such as, but not limited to, zeolites.